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Letter dated 7 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a declaration by the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria in connection with the escalation of the conflict in Yugoslavia. I would very much appreciate it if you would have the text of the present letter and the attached declaration circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 68, and the Security Council.

(Signed) Svetlomir BAEV
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Declaration issued by the Government of Bulgaria

The Government of the Republic of Bulgaria follows with great concern the escalation of the meaningless and bloody conflict in neighbouring Yugoslavia.

The Bulgarian Government considers the use of military force for solving disputed issues and for redrawing the internal borders between the republics to be totally unacceptable. The joint operations of volunteer units, armed by the Republic of Serbia, and the Yugoslav People's Army in the territory of the Republic of Croatia, as well as the attempts deliberately to involve Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of Macedonia in the conflict under the pretext of an all-out civil war and an impending military threat, are particularly alarming. Under that pretext, on 3 October of this year, part of the Presidency of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia took over the functions of the Federal Skupshtina (Parliament) and the collective Government of the Federation. This act amounted essentially to a military coup, excluding the possibility of solving disputes by political means.

The Republic of Bulgaria once again reiterates its position of non-interference in Yugoslavia's internal affairs, and states that it has no intention of benefiting in any way from the grave situation in that country.

At the same time, the Government categorically rejects the insinuations about some military threat or territorial claims on the part of the Republic of Bulgaria.

The Government of the Republic of Bulgaria fully supports Security Council resolution 713 (1991) on the termination of fighting and the peaceful settlement of the crisis in Yugoslavia, and of the efforts to that end by the European Community and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe in particular.

As a neighbouring country to Yugoslavia, Bulgaria is vitally interested in an early and lasting restoration of peace and stability in tht country. The Bulgarian people sincerely aspires for friendly relations and all-round cooperation with all the peoples of Yugoslavia, based on mutual respect, goodwill and confidence. In evidence of this, the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria stands ready to receive international observers from the European Community and other European organizations, and to grant to military attachés, foreign journalists and envoys access to the areas along the Bulgarian-Yugoslav border, in order that any suspicion about an alleged "Bulgarian threat" may be dispersed.

The Government of the Republic of Bulgaria calls upon all forces involved in the conflict to stop the fighting and embrace political dialogue as the only viable alternative.